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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNCTAD, CIEC, EAID, ETRD, EEC

SUBJ: UNCTAD: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS RE COMMON

COMMODITY FUND

REF: (A) 76 GENEVA 9676; (B) 76 BONN 21004

1. SUMMARY: AT STRATEGY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JAN 17  
IN BRUSSELS, EC-9 WILL BEGIN PROCESS OF DESCRIBING  
ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO COMMON FUND AND LISTING PROS  
AND CONS FOR EACH. NORDICS, NETHERLANDS, AND BELGIUM  
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PLAN SEPARATE STRATEGY SESSIONS IN FEBRUARY. DEVELOPED  
COUNTRIES CONTINUE IN TOTAL DISARRAY. END SUMMARY.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SULIMMA INFORMED EMBOFF  
JANUARY 7 THAT FRG INTERNAL STRATEGY MEETING JAN 6  
ON VARIOUS COMMODITY QUESTIONS AUTHORIZED FRG  
PARTICIPATION IN EC-9 EFFORT, TO BEGIN JAN 17 IN

BRUSSELS, TO DRAFT A DESCRIPTION OF ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITIES WITH PROS AND CONS OF EACH. THIS DOCUMENT, WHICH IS THE RESULT OF A UK INITIATIVE, IS SUPPOSED TO BE NEUTRAL AND NOT TO FAVOR ANY PARTICULAR ALTERNATIVE. IT WOULD BE PREPARED FOR PRESENTATION TO UNCTAD GROUP B.

3. SULIMMA'S PERSONAL ESTIMATE IS THAT THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES WILL EVENTUALLY SUPPORT A POSITION BASED ON THE FRENCH PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD GIVE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO THE FUND, BUT NO COMMODITY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY. FOR THE MOMENT, HOWEVER, THE OFFICIAL FRG POSITION REMAINS NEGATIVE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMON FUND, ALTHOUGH VARIOUS BUREAUCRATIC ELEMENTS (INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTRY) ARE PUSHING FOR MORE FORTHCOMING FRG ATTITUDE TOWARD G-77.

4. SULIMMA HAD JUST RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE FRG EMBASSY IN OSLO REPORTING THAT "LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES" (I.E. BELGIUM, DENMARK, FINLAND, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY AND SWEDEN) WOULD HAVE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN FEBRUARY IN THE HAGUE TO CONSIDER THEIR POSITION ON COMMON FUND. NEEDLESS TO SAY, FRG IS NOT HAPPY ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT.

5. COMMENT: FRG WILL CONTINUE UNDER PRESSURE FROM EC AND NORTHERN TIER TO TAKE A MORE FLEXIBLE STAND ON COMMON FUND. THE DEGREE TO WHICH FRG WILL BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND THIS PRESSURE WILL BE INFLUENCED BY ITS  
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PERCEPTION OF US POLICY. FRG WILL WATCH TO SEE WHETHER ANY EVOLUTION IN US POLICY MAKES ITS POSITION UNTENABLE. WE BELIEVE FRG WOULD PROBABLY AGREE WITH US MISSION GENEVA (REF A, PARA 13) THAT EFFECTIVE COORDINATION ON THIS ISSUE IS NOT POSSIBLE IN GROUP B, BUT SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED IN A SMALLER CIRCLE OF MAJOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES.  
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